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*Re: Board of Landscape Architects*

Dear Mr. Keierleber:

I represent and write on behalf of the Idaho Board of Landscape Architects. At the request of the Board, this letter serves to provide information regarding a landscape architect's legal authority to practice landscape architecture. This practice includes the preparation and stamping/sealing of grading and drainage plans.

The practice of landscape architecture, under Idaho law, entitles a licensed landscape architect to perform professional services, including "consultations, investigations, reconnaissance, research, planning, design and responsible supervision" in connection with the development of land and incidental water areas. Idaho Code § 54-3002(2). These services include the consideration and determination of inherent problems of the land relating to natural drainage, erosion, and wear and tear.

Licensees are entitled to locate, design and arrange site improvements, including such tangible objects as pools, walls, steps, trellises, canopies and features which are incidental and necessary to the purposes outlined above. However, licensees are not entitled to design structures or facilities with separate and self-contained purposes for habitation or industry, or render cadastral surveys or final land plats for purposes of official recording or approval.

In order to safeguard human health and property, and to promote the public welfare, state law sets forth the necessary qualifications to receive a state landscape architect license to practice landscape architecture. These qualifications generally require that an individual possess a college degree in landscape architecture and pass an examination. The Idaho Board of Landscape Architects has adopted a national examination to assist it in determining an applicant's competency. The examination is published and prepared by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration

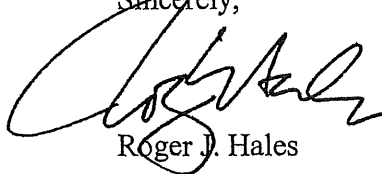
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Board ("CLARB"). This examination specifically tests an applicant's knowledge, skill and abilities related to: (a) analytical and technical aspects of practice; (b) design synthesis; and (c) grading and draining. Grading and drainage is a four-hour, graphic response section consisting of problems that test abilities in grading and drainage design, details and calculations. The grading portions of this section require examinees to manipulate contours and spot elevations, demonstrate a knowledge of mathematics, calculate slopes, grade and volume of materials, facilitate the removal of storm water, design for universal accessibility (ADA requirements), change the elevations of existing landscaping to accommodate structures, parking and circulation, and to facilitate the removal of storm water. The drainage portion of this section test the ability to design surface and subsurface storm drainage systems, including hydraulic characteristics and storm drain connections, to effectively and safely remove storm water from a site.

Based on the above state requirements, landscape architects that are licensed in Idaho are clearly able to render a professional opinion and prepare plans regarding grading and drainage. Further, Idaho law requires that all drawings and title pages of specifications prepared by a licensed landscape architect or under his or her supervision shall be stamped with the landscape architect's seal. Idaho Code § 54-3003.

This letter is intended to provide you information regarding a licensed landscape architect's competence and authority under Idaho law. Idaho law specifically entitles a licensed landscape architect to provide site grading and drainage plans. If you have further questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Landscape Architects, or myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger J. Hales', is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Roger J. Hales

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cc Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses  
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